

State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - December 6, 2016
Stipulations

- 1 Lessee shall notify and obtain approval from the Department's Trust Land Management Division (TLMD) prior to constructing well pads, roads, power lines, and related facilities that may require surface disturbance on the tract. Lessee shall comply with any mitigation measures stipulated in TLMD's approval.
- 2 Prior to the drilling of any well on or into the lease premises, lessee shall send one copy of the well prognosis, including Form 22 "Application for Permit" to the Department's Trust Land Management Division (TLMD). After a well is drilled and completed, lessee shall send one copy of all logs run, Form 4A "Completion Report", and geologic report to TLMD. A copy of Form 2 "Sundry Notice and Report of Wells" or other appropriate Board of Oil and Gas Conservation form shall be sent to TLMD whenever any subsequent change in well status or operator is intended or has occurred. Lessee shall also notify and obtain approval from the TLMD prior to plugging a well on the lease premises.

Issuance of this lease in no way commits the Land Board to approval of coal bed methane production on this lease. Any coal bed methane extraction wells would require subsequent review and approval by the board.
- 3 The TLMD will complete an initial review for cultural resources and, where applicable, paleontological resources of the area intended for disturbance and may require a resources inventory. Based on the results of the inventory, the TLMD may restrict surface activity for the purpose of protecting significant resources located on the lease premises.
- 4 The lessee shall be responsible for controlling any noxious weeds introduced by lessee's activity on State-owned land and shall prevent or eradicate the spread of those noxious weeds onto land adjoining the lease premises. The lessee's methods of control shall be reviewed and approved by the Department's Unit Office that has jurisdiction for that locale.
- 5 The definitions of "oil" and "gas" provided in 82-1-111, MCA, do not apply to this lease for royalty calculation purposes.
- 6 If the State does not own the surface, the lessee must contact the owner of the surface in writing at least 30 days prior to any surface activity. A copy of the correspondence shall be sent to TLMD.
- 7 Due to unstable soil conditions on this tract and/or topography that is rough and/or steep, surface use may be restricted or denied. Seismic activity may be restricted to poltershots.
- 8 This lease is located within designated sage grouse general habitat. Proposed activities are subject to, and shall comply with, all provisions, stipulations and mitigation requirements of the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy, as implemented by Governor's Executive Orders 10-2014, 12-2015, and amendments thereto. Contact the TLMD prior to preparing a project proposal.
- 9 Due to the floodplain/wetlands area(s), surface use may be restricted or denied.
- 10 Any activity within 1/8 mile of the river, stream, floodplain, or lake/reservoir on or adjacent to this tract must be approved in writing by the TLMD prior to commencement. No surface occupancy is allowed within the bed of the river and/or stream, abandoned channels, the bed of the lake/reservoir, or on islands and accretions associated with the river, stream, or lake/reservoir.
- 11 This tract is located within the Kevin-Sunburst oil and gas field area and is adjacent to a portion of the Kevin Rim ACEC. The Department will solicit input from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for any new well proposals.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: March 7, 2017 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

In order to give as much advance notice as possible, please be advised that the date of the March 2017 Oil and Gas Lease Sale has been set for **TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Montana Room of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation building at 1539 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, Montana, across from the Capitol Hill Mall. Please call the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for detailed directions, if necessary.

The deadline filing date for submitting applications on tracts to be nominated for the sale in March is 5:00pm on December 20, 2016. Applications must be received in this office by that date. If you have any questions, please contact me at jmason2@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

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